

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, October 12, Weekday

Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

7:30 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, October 13, Weekday

Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41

6:00 PM All Cancer Patients

Wednesday, October 14, Weekday

Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46

9:30 AM Cecelia Ward, Anniversary

7:00 PM Devotions to Our Mother Of Perpetual Help

Thursday, October 15, St. Teresa of Jesus

Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54

7:30 AM Dorothy Miller, Anniversary

Friday, October 16, Weekday

Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7

7:30 AM Seminarians of our Diocese

Saturday, October 17, St. Ignatius of Antioch

Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12

4:30 PM Earl & Rosie Kransz; Matthew Knapp, 1st Anniv.

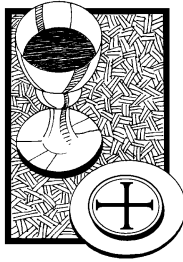
October 18, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

7:30 AM Fred May; Marie Klein, Month Mind

9:30 AM For the People

11:30 AM Vera Hartwig, Helen Scheski & Jack Stegenga



The Desire for Wisdom

Wisdom 7:7-11

There are many things we can possess. Advertisers remind us of this hundreds of times every day. When we read the morning news, ads borrow the attention of our eyes. When we watch television, go to the movies, drive the highway, go to the ballgame, or pick up a program, we see the logos of merchants. These ads say they want us to be happy. But they really want us to shop.

Testimony from the Book of Wisdom speaks in favor of something else, though. The speaker asks for possessions, but not for things. The speaker asks for prudence and a spirit of wisdom.

Many of us have other goals. We work hard at our job to earn what we need to pay for home and food. We work hard in school to earn the grades that win us a degree and the chance for a job. But the Book of Wisdom envisions something else. It envisions people working hard to learn God's wisdom first.

Throughout this past week, what did you shop for? What kind of possessions did you want to bring home? What sacrifices are you making to obtain what you desire?

Do you desire something deeper? Do you desire prudence? A spirit of wisdom? What sacrifices are you making to obtain those desires?

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Sunday Offering Report

July 1, 2009 through October 4, 2009

Weekly Parish Ministry Needs	\$ 17,980.00
Our Gifts for Sunday, October 4	21,465.55*
Our Gifts – Fiscal Year to Date	222,968.55
Parish Needs – Fiscal Year to Date	251,720.00
Over/(Under) – Fiscal Year to Date	(28,751.45)
*Includes Children/Youth envelopes	14.90
*Includes Automated Donations	2,725.00

Bell Choir

The Bell Choir started practicing for their Christmas performance on Wednesday, September 30, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. They meet in Room 109 of St. Patrick School. Use the Grand River entrance closest to West Street. New bell ringers are needed. No musical ability required. Anyone interested in being in the bell choir should call Karen Stevens at 517-627-7699.

If you provided meals for the Heckman family and have not received your dishes, they can be picked up in the vestibule of the parish hall. Thank you!



Altar Appointments – October 17 & 18, 2009

LECTORS

4:30 PM Connie Vallier	9:30 AM Bill Durnwald
7:30 AM Dan Schrauben	11:30 AM Brian Pohl

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 PM Nicholas Coyne, Brandon Fandel
Casey Wilcox, Shannon Wilcox

7:30 AM Linda Price and Dawn Price

9:30 AM Elizabeth Beachnau, Dana Hengesbach
Jessica Grapentien, Bailey Schneider

11:30 AM Colin Gensterblum, Allison Hodge
Savannah Hodge, Eli Hoppes

GREETERS

4:30 PM Freda Bauer, Keith Cook, Janet Kransz

7:30 AM Pat Baker and Marlene McAllister

9:30 AM Steve Hengesbach, Tom Lehman, Eva Pung

11:30 AM Lee & Emery Haik, Bill Pintal

Sponsor of the Week

OCTOBER 11, 2009

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH...

- SUN** Fall Festival
RCIA, 9:30 AM
- MON** SPS No School: Parent/Teacher Conferences AM
and Staff Development PM
Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM
Faith Formation 6:30 PM; meet in Church
- TUES** Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:00 PM
SPS Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00 to 9:00 PM
Finance Commission meeting following Mass
- WED** K of C Rummage Sale, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM
Youth Ministry Walk-in-Wednesday, after school
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- THUR** K of C Rummage Sale, 8:00 AM to Noon
- FRI** YM "Going Deeper", 6:00 AM, Youth Room
Third Friday Communion Calls
- SAT** Paper Drive/Pop Can Drive, West Street Lot
Rosary in the Chapel, 7:30 AM
Men's Breakfast, 8:00 AM
Reconciliation, 3:00 PM
Baptisms at 4:30 Mass
- SUN** RCIA, 9:30 AM, SPS Room 118
Baptisms at 11:30 AM Mass and at 1:30 PM
K of C Bingo, 2:00 PM
Youth Ministry EHOP, 6:30 PM, Chapel

Fall Festival – October 11, 2008

Location: St. Patrick School

Buffet Style Dinner: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Take Outs Available

Arts & Crafts: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Kids Fest: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Euchre Tournament: 1:00 PM in the parish hall

Raffle: 3:00 PM in the parish hall

Hey guys! You better listen up for this one! On Saturday, October 17, at 8:00 am, there will be a FANTASTIC breakfast served right here in the Parish Hall. A variety of your favorites, such as Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, Egg Casseroles, Potatoes, Ham, Muffins and more for a small donation of \$3 to cover the cost. ALL guys, high-school age and over, are encouraged to attend for this time of FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!! Please RSVP to Ann Kissane @ 517-647-5513 or kissanes@hotmail.com

K of C Rummage Sale -- October 14 & 15

The sale will be held on October 14, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and on October 15, from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon at the K of C Hall, 690 Maynard Road. The Knights are seeking donated items to support this annual fundraiser. Clean, useable items can be dropped off at the hall on Tuesday, October 13, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. A limited pick-up service is also available by calling John Vallier at 647-6409.

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Planning and Video Presentation

November 1st in Room 110 @ 1:00pm

There will be a video presentation and pre-planning session for all those interested in leading a Children's Liturgy of the Word for our parish on Sunday, November 1st. This will be after the 11:30 Mass in Room 110. So get your coffee and donuts after Mass and get ready for an adventure in faith.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity

For six Wednesday evenings on October 14, 21, 28, and November 4, 11, and 18, there will be a series called "**Epic, A Journey Through Church History**" from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. For these 6 weeks, we will embark on a journey through the early part of Church history with a DVD program and group discussion. For more information or to sign up, call Tom Jandernoa at 647-6505 ext. 418.

Portland Community Fund Notes

The Portland Community Fund is having a Coat Drive through Thursday, October 15. Adult and children's clean, useable coats will be collected along with hats, mittens, gloves and outerwear. This year we are also asking for donations of new and good used boots along with the coats. We will not be requesting boots as part of the Holiday Giving Program.

A donation box can be found in the vestibule of the church. Other donation boxes will be located at Portland City Hall, the schools and at Curves.

On Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM, coats, outerwear and boots will be available to anyone needing them at St. Andrew Lutheran Church located at 8867 Kent Street, Portland.

The Portland Community Fund is also asking for your assistance in kicking off our Community Christmas Giving Program. Through this community event, we will provide families with a complete Christmas dinner and gifts for family members 18 and under. The generous support of the Portland Community allows us to serve over 160 families in the Portland School District.

Applications are available at the parish office. The deadline for submitting an application is Monday, November 16. The scheduled pick up date is Friday, December 18, at the old Portland Credit Union Building.

If anyone is interested in adopting an entire family for Christmas, please call Sandy Klein at 517-647-7031.

Thank you for your help in making our Community Christmas Giving Program a success.

**World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend
October 23 – 25 in West Michigan**

Reserve your spot now!

Contact Bob & JeanAnn McCann @ 616-847-0582

ST. PATRICK PARISH, 140 CHURCH ST., PORTLAND, MI – OCTOBER 4, 2009

Understanding your Grief – 10 Essential Touchstones

This grief support group, sponsored by Hospice of Lansing, is open to all bereaved community members. It is a closed-ended loss and grief educational support series scheduled for eight Monday afternoons and evenings. It will be held at the First Congregational Church located at 421 East Bridge Street, Portland. The afternoon sessions will begin at 3:00 and end at 4:30. The evening sessions will begin at 6:30 and end at 8:00.

Please pre-register by calling Hospice of Lansing/Ionia Area Hospice at 877-882-4500. There is no charge to attend this program.

Ladies Retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt – October 30 to November 1.

The theme for Retreat 2009 is “*Then and Now – Jesus – Full of Surprises.*” Just as we never fully know and appreciate Mozart or Shakespeare, NEVER will we fully know and appreciate Jesus Christ. A lifetime of study and prayer leaves us on the threshold. Why? Because Jesus “has an unending capacity to surprise us and to be always new.” (Timothy Radcliffe, o.p.). So come be surprised, lured and touched by this wondrous Jesus on this retreat. Retreatants may register by calling the Retreat Center at 517-669-8321 or toll free at 866-669-8321. You may also register by visiting the website www.stfrancis.ws. Suggested donation for the weekend is \$135.00.

Healthy Harvest Health Fair

October 20, 2009 – 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

At the

Royal Heritage Conference Center, 2001 E. Bluewater Hwy., Ionia.

Receive information on Healthy Living Options ----- Open to adults over 55 and any caregivers
Flu Shots Available. This is a FREE event. Call Leigha at 616-527-5229 for information.

Back by popular demand...

...a family style Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings will be held at the Portland United Methodist Church on Thursday, October 22 from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 5-12; and free for children four and under! Take-outs will be available for \$8. Dinner will be held in the barrier-free, newly renovated Fellowship Hall of the Portland United Methodist Church, at 310 E. Bridge St., Portland. For more information contact: Linda at (517) 647-6248 or the church office at (517) 647-4649.

Three Part Alzheimer's Education Series

Week One – Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementias: Tips for getting a diagnosis. Latest information on treatment and research development. Facilitators: Carrie-Ann Hood Srong, PsyD and Jacobus Donders, PhD, Clinical Neuropsychologists.

Week Two – Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Legal and Financial Issues: Tips for making financial and medical decisions on behalf of a person with dementia. Planning for future care needs: understanding Medicare and Medicaid coverage. Facilitator: Shawn Weera, Elder Law Attorney.

Week Three – Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Strategies for Navigating the Dementia Journey; Tips for successfully interacting with a person with dementia. Where to go for assistance. Facilitator: Christiana Getz, Program Coordinator, Alzheimer's Association.

Location: Ionia County Commission on Aging, 115 Hudson Street, Ionia; 616-527-5365

Provided with financial support from Older Americans Act National Family Caregiver Support Funds administered by the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Inc. A donation of \$10 per person (or family) per session is suggested.

**St. Michael Church, Grand Ledge, Annual Rummage Sale
October 15 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at St. Michael Church Basement.**

Office of the Bishop

October 1, 2009

My dear friends in Christ,

At Baptism, each of us becomes a missionary, called by our Lord to share our faith with those around us – and to be part of the Church’s mission to the world.

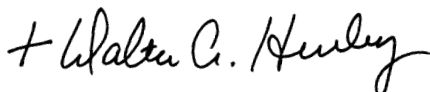
Jesus Himself, before He returned to the Father, promised His followers the Holy Spirit and charged them with being His “witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

That mission is now addressed to each one of us. We are to support, in prayer and sacrifice, the work of missionaries who bring the “Good News” of Jesus to faraway places – to Africa and Asia, to the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

On World Mission Sunday, celebrated this year on October 18, the Catholics of the world unite at Mass to recommit ourselves to this Baptismal vocation to be missionaries. As we pray and respond here at home, we are replicating what is also taking place in every parish and chapel all over the world. Your generosity through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will reach those who await the “Good News” of Jesus, who long to experience His hope and love.

More than 1,150 young churches in the Developing World count on your generous response this World Mission Sunday. Please also continue to pray that all of us in the Diocese of Grand Rapids may be eager and effective witnesses of Jesus, as He asked us to be.

Sincerely in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walter A. Hurley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley
Bishop of Grand Rapids

Please use the envelope in your packet for this special collection. Thank you!